

remain in Swansea but came to
Falmouth with his little son, Edward,
to live with his father & mother. I
think it was soon after this that
he gave up his profession & devoted
himself to literary & scientific
work - this latter as a recreation
& in a desultory manner. An
old-fashioned Churchman of the
strictly Prayer-book type he wrote
several books on Churchly & other
religious subjects, such as "Church
& King" "Church & the Bible" "Church
& Dissent" & he was one of the chief
compilers of the Metre Hymn book

① See Dictionary of National
Biography.

On Edward Osler (1798-1863).
Written (c. 1910) by his daughter,
Jennette Osler (1839-1936).

Born 1796 - Father - Edward Osler,
merchant, of Falmouth, mother Mary
Paddy. Eldest of ten children. An
observing child, quick to learn & with
an unusually accurate & retentive
memory. A quick boy, thoughtful be-
yond his years & not much given to
sports. Studied medicine after the
custom of those days under a surgeon
whose name was, I think, Carrossa,
& afterwards walked the hospitals
in London but which two I cannot
remember. Had keen, far sight
(which he retained to the last) &

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a delicate deftness of hand. He never
had lessons in drawing but he could
illustrate a lecture by a few rapid
strokes on a black-board, or sketch
any place that he had visited.

He was appointed resident surgeon
to the Swansea Infirmary. His specialty
was in operations on the eye & in
these he was very successful. He had
afterwards a good private practice
in Swansea. He married Jennette
Powell, daughter of Captain Powell
of Cas Bailey, Swansea by whom he
had two children. He was chosen

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to go on a frigate, whose name I forgot
to study, burrowing & boring marine
animals in the West Indies & his
report was published by the Linnean
Society of which he was made a
Fellow. On his return ~~home~~ he
found that his wife, to whom he
was devotedly attached, had died
during his home voyage, & shortly
afterwards, his little three-year-
old daughter died. * He double blow
quenched his ambition & so deeply
affected him that he would not

* He took the voyage ~~after~~ ^{after} ~~his~~ death. - 1818.

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religious man, a student of his Bible
& especially of his Greek Testament;
he took great pains to instruct his
children in spiritual things & required
them to learn much of the Scriptures
by heart, together with the Church
Catechism, the Collects, & Keble's *Christian
Year*. A beautiful & impressive
reader, with the soft modulated
voice of the educated classes in
Western England, he brought out the
true sense & poetry of the chapters
read at ^{morning & evening} family prayers. In politics
he was a strong Conservative.

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one of the first to be generally used
in England in place of Tate &
Bradley's metrical paraphrases of
the Psalms. In 1838 he married ^(1837?)
Sarah Atkinson, the daughter of a
Yorkshire clergyman, by whom he
had two sons & two daughters. She
died four years later, ^{& her infant son also.} For some
time he was Principal of a Church
College in Bath; afterwards he
returned to Cornwall, and, until
his death in 1863, was Editor of
the Royal Cornwall Gazette; during
this time he lived first in Truro,
then in Falmouth, & afterwards in

Irero again. ~~During this period~~ he, not unfrequently, gave the benefit of his medical knowledge & surgical skill to those who were unable to pay for such services. I remember more than one case in which he saved a young, failing infant's life by daily rubbing with olive oil & careful diet. He wrote a ~~book~~ pamphlet on the value of oil, externally used, in certain diseases. He was very successful in the treatment of severe burns & was always ready to attend such

⑦ Cases ~~among~~ when the parents were very poor. He used turpentine freely for such injuries & told me once that he had never known a serious contraction nor a disabling scar to follow when oil of turpentine was faithfully applied. It was his custom to attend the daily morning prayers at the parish Church of St. Mary Irero - on the site of which the Cathedral now stands, & he was always to be found in his place at the Sunday Matins & Eucharist. A deeply

poetry, history, science & biography were more to his liking. He had had no instruction in music but he played the piano by ear, picking out any tune he heard & liked note by note at first, filling in his own chords for the bass & then playing the piece over after from memory. Looking back my memory of him is of a singularly kindly, quiet, less & unworldly man - impractical & dreaming, yet versatile & diligent. He died on March 7th 1863 of hemorrhage from the brain, the result of a sun-stroke some years before.

In 1849 he married his third wife, Charlotte Free, who survived him. Some years before ^{this} he lost his son, Edward, which was a bitter blow to him for he was a very affectionate father. In all the relations of life he was exemplary; a good son; (many a time he walked the ten miles from Iruero to Tal-month after office hours to see his aged mother, returning early next morning to his work.) A kind brother; a devoted husband; a just & considerate master; an excellent father, & a faithful friend.

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Except in the days of his successful professional life he never had more than a very limited income, but he kept out of debt, educated his children, & lived in quiet comfort. He was not a money-maker nor a money-lover, nor did he desire luxury or show; a small house & a garden, simple meals, plenty of books, & a reasonable amount of leisure to spend with his family were all that he sought. His was the pen of a ready

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writer, "but his satisfaction was in the writing, not in the profit or praise that his work might bring. His memory was so sure that he ~~was~~ & his habit of thinking so clear & connected that he was a good public speaker, marshalling facts & figures without notes & without hesitation & clothing them in the good English that comes from an intimate acquaintance with the classics of the language. For light literature he had little taste; good

his Indenture Witnesseth That **Edward Oster** of the Town of **Falmouth** in the County of **Cornwall** doth put himself Apprentice to **James Dunn Torcoppo** of the said Town of **Falmouth** Surgeon.

to learn his Art and with him in the manner of an Apprentice to serve from the **Twenty second day of March** ~~eighteen~~ **hundred and eleven** the full End and Term of **five** Years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended in which Term the said Apprentice to his Master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his lawful commands every where gladly do he shall do no damage to his said Master nor see to be done of others but to his Power shall let or forthwith give warning to his said Master of the same he shall not waste the Goods of his said Master nor lend them unlawfully to any he shall not commit fornication nor contract Matrimony within the said Term he shall not play at Cards or Dice Tables or any other unlawful Games where his said Master may have any loss with his own Goods or others during the said Term without Licence of his said Master he shall neither buy nor sell he shall not haunt Taverns or Playhouse nor absent himself from his said Master's Service day or night unlawfully But in all things as a faithful Apprentice he shall behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term

And the said **James Dunn Torcoppo** for and in consideration of the sum of **forty pounds** of lawful money of Great Britain the receipt of which to him is hand paid the said Apprentice in the Art of **Surgeon** which he useth by the best means that he can shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed Tending unto the said Apprentice sufficient that I think

sufficient during the said Term and the said **Edward Oster** doth he the covenants with the said **James Dunn Torcoppo** that he the said **Edward Oster** shall and will during the said Term find and provide for the said Apprentice sufficient **meat drink Lodging and all other necessaries**

And for the true performances of all and every the said Covenants and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the other by these Presents In Witness whereof the Parties abovesaid to these Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the **Twenty second** day of **March** and in the **fifty first** Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord **George the Fourth** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and **eleven**

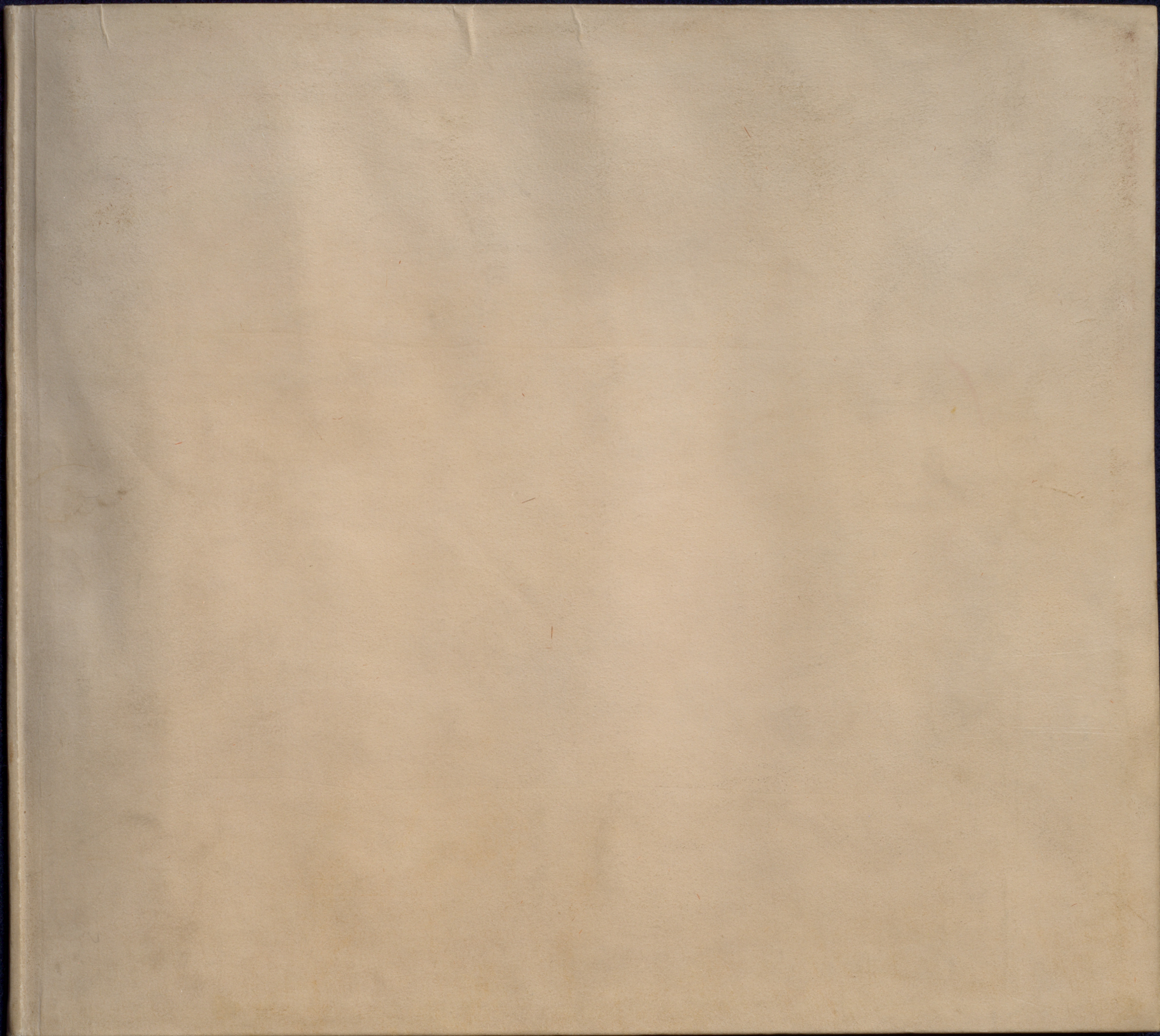
Edward Oster
James Dunn Torcoppo



Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
 J. J. J.
 Three Pence Each.
 G-R



As the Indenture Cover Article or Contract must bear date the day it is executed and what Money or other thing is given or Contracted for with the Clerk or Apprentice must be inserted in Words at Length and the Duty paid to the Stamp Office in London or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality within One Month after the Execution and if in the Country and out of the said Bills of Mortality within Two Months to a Distributor of the Stamps or his Substitute otherwise the Indenture will be void the Master or Mistress's forfeit Five Pounds and another Penalty and the Apprentice be disabled to follow his Trade or be made free.



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1798
Indenture, 1811, of Edward Osler (1798-1863) as apprentice to J. D. Trevosso, surgeon, of Falmouth. Osler Library, no. 7603

Indenture 1772 granting the remainder of
99-year-lease (1739-1838) of property in
Falmouth to Edward Osler (1732-86), W. O.'s
great-grandfather, my great-great-grandfather.
Sent by G. Stuart Osler, March 1953.

W. W. F.

OSLER (EDWARD) 1798-1863.

7603. In English, on paper: engraved form,
completed in 1811: $7\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4}$ in., 1 leaf
(mounted): in modern vellum binding.

Indenture of Edward Osler of Falmouth
as surgeon's apprentice to James Dunn
Trevosso of Falmouth, for five years from
22 Mar., 1811, with signatures and seals.

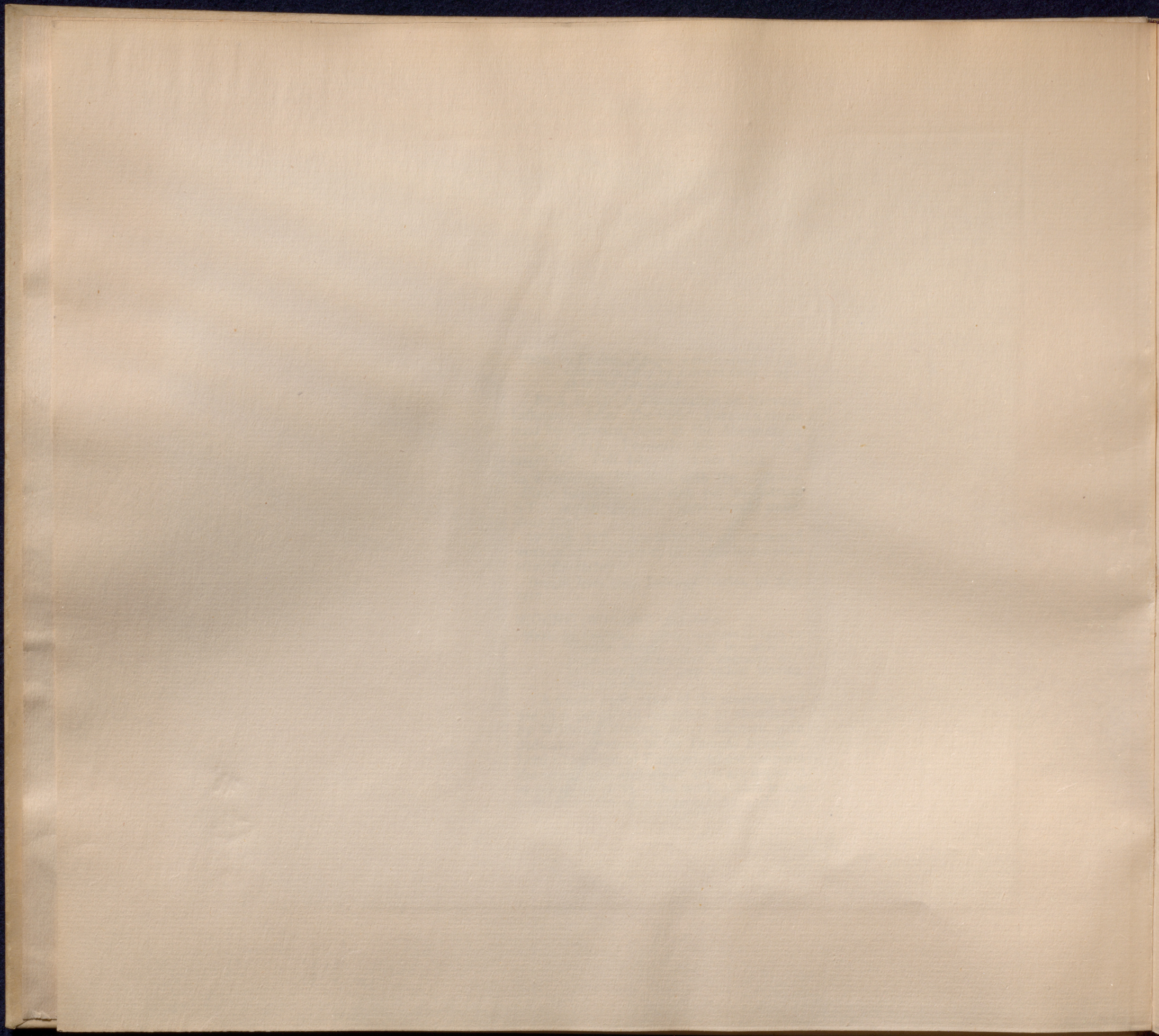
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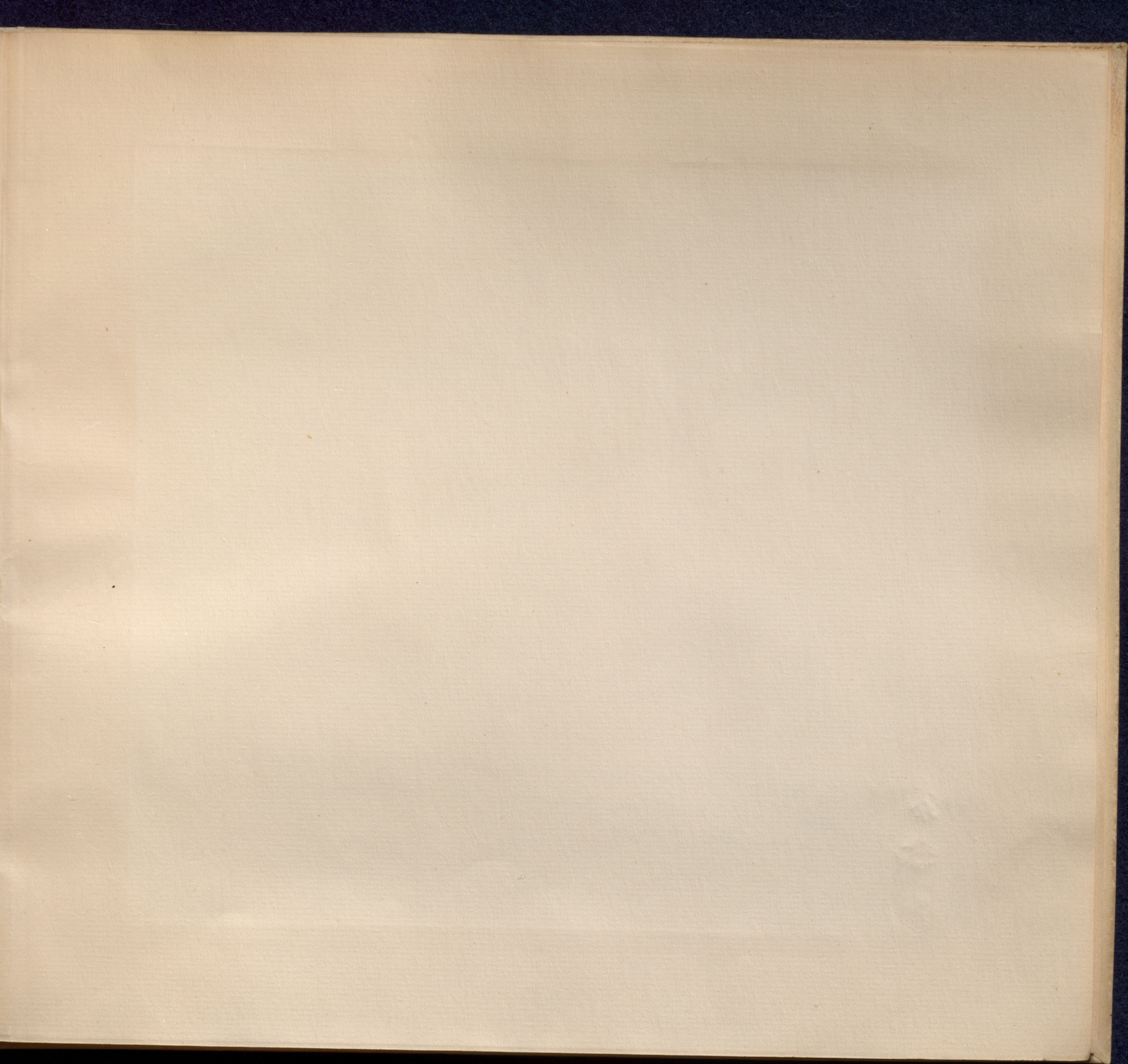
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Surgeons' indentures are rare. There are none in Bodley.

Edward Osler was my father's eldest brother. After serving his apprenticeship he went to the United Hospitals of Guy's and St. Thomas's and took the M.R.C.S. A number of his letters are in vol. 5 of the family papers at Toronto [cf. no. 3593]. One letter, written while he was a dresser, and describing the famous case of ligature of the abdominal aorta [cf. no. 7604], I had framed and sent to the Wills Library at Guy's Hospital. For seven years he was house surgeon of the Swansea Infirmary and afterwards practised at Truro.

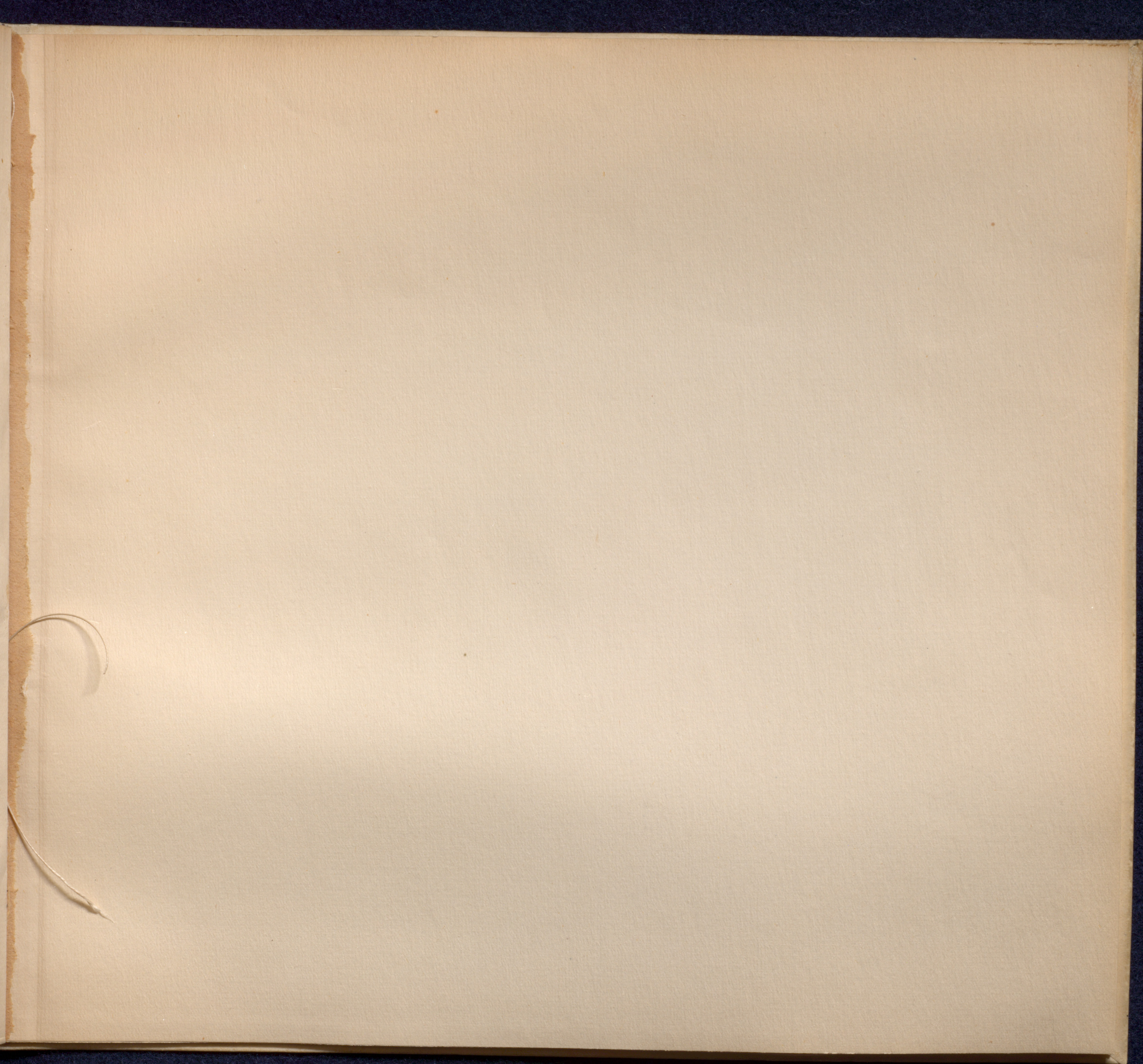
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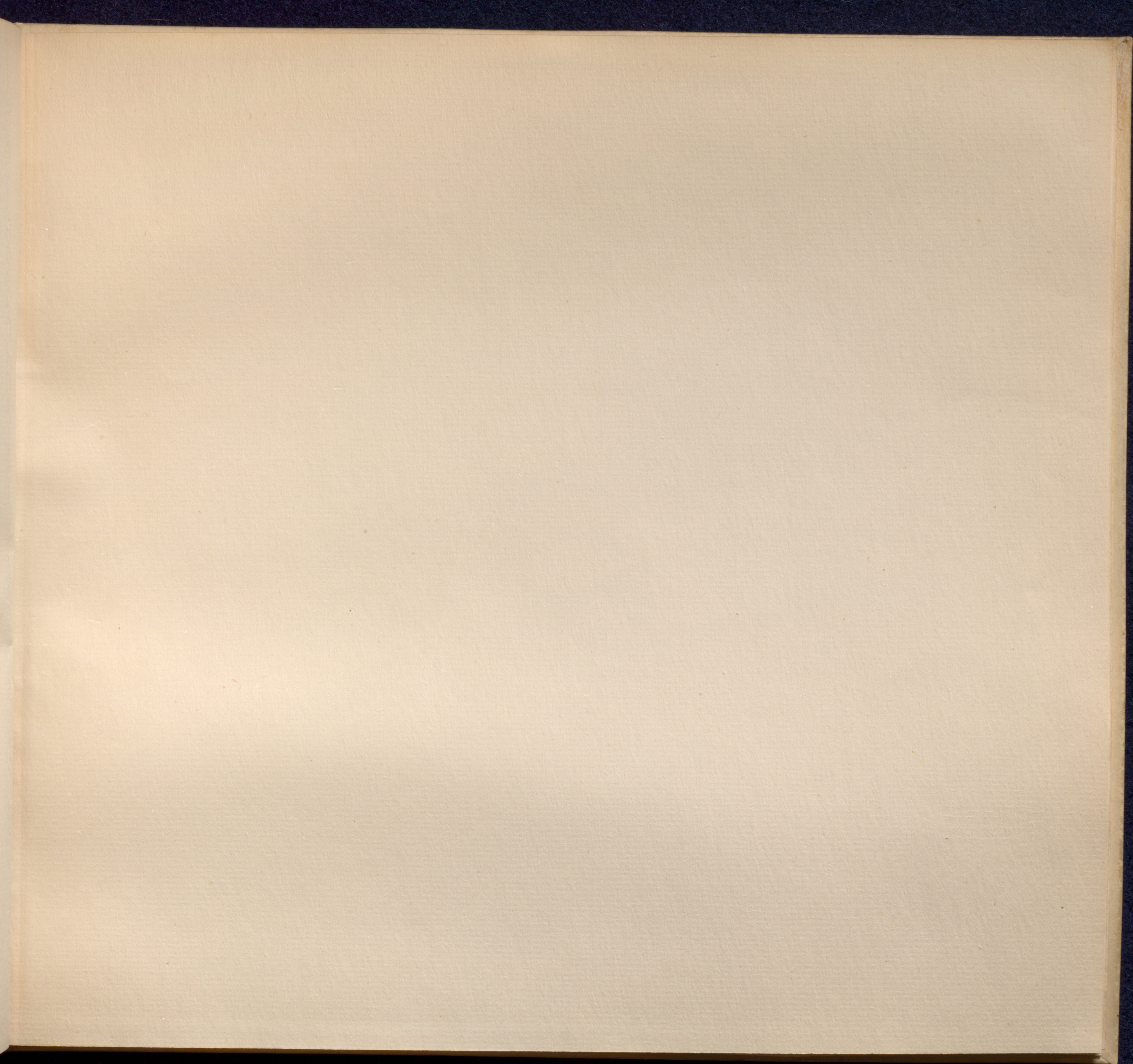


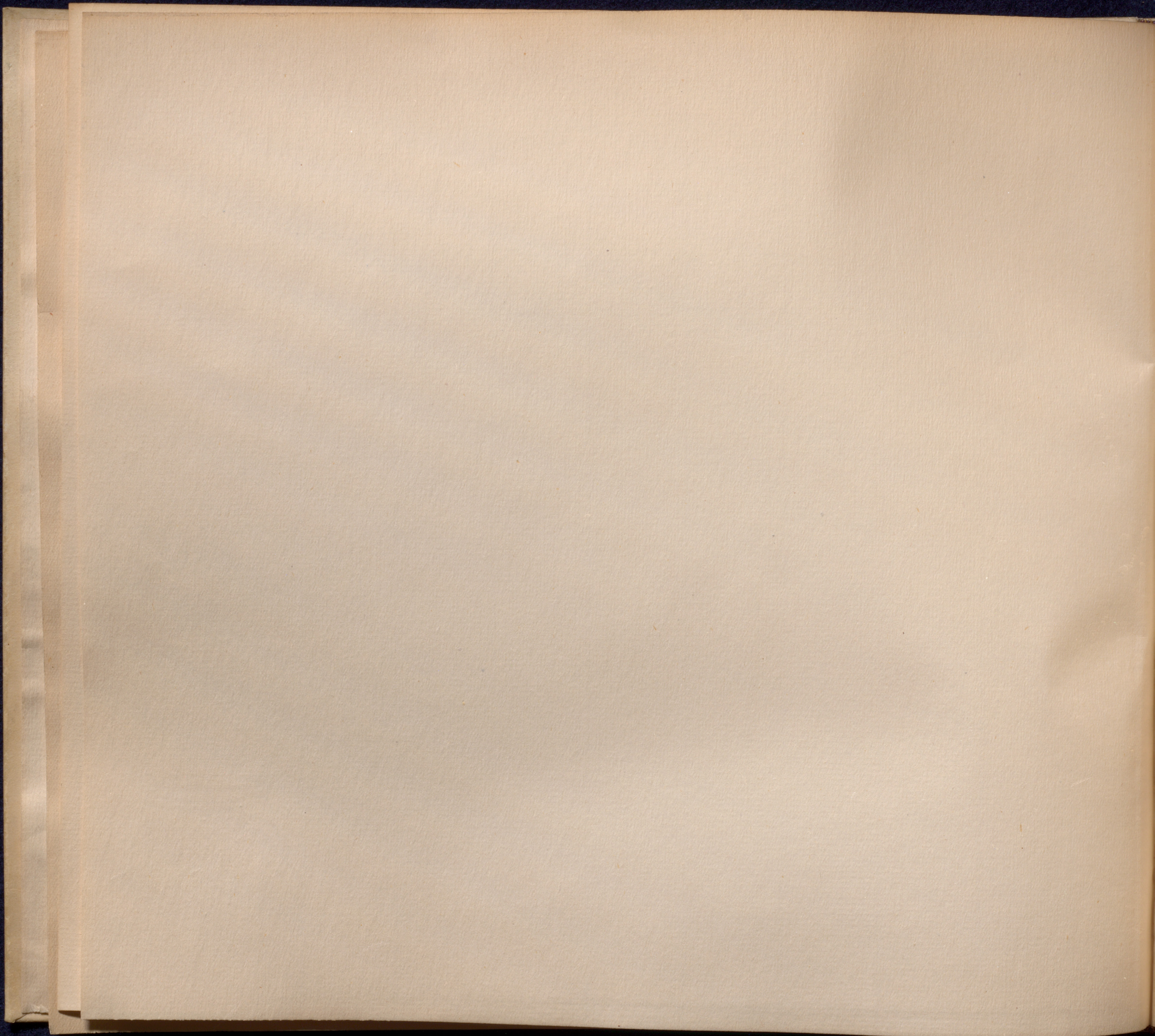


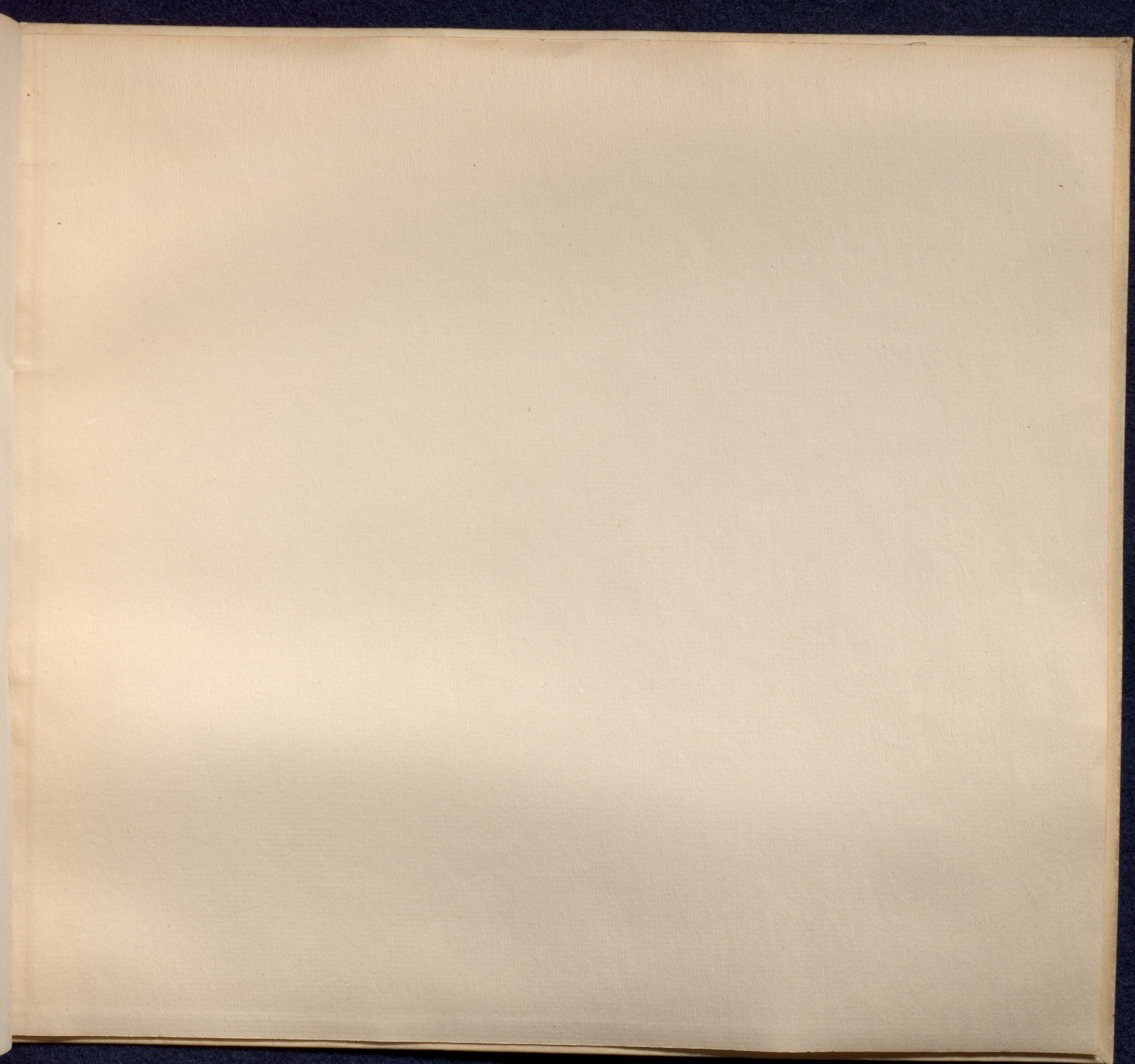
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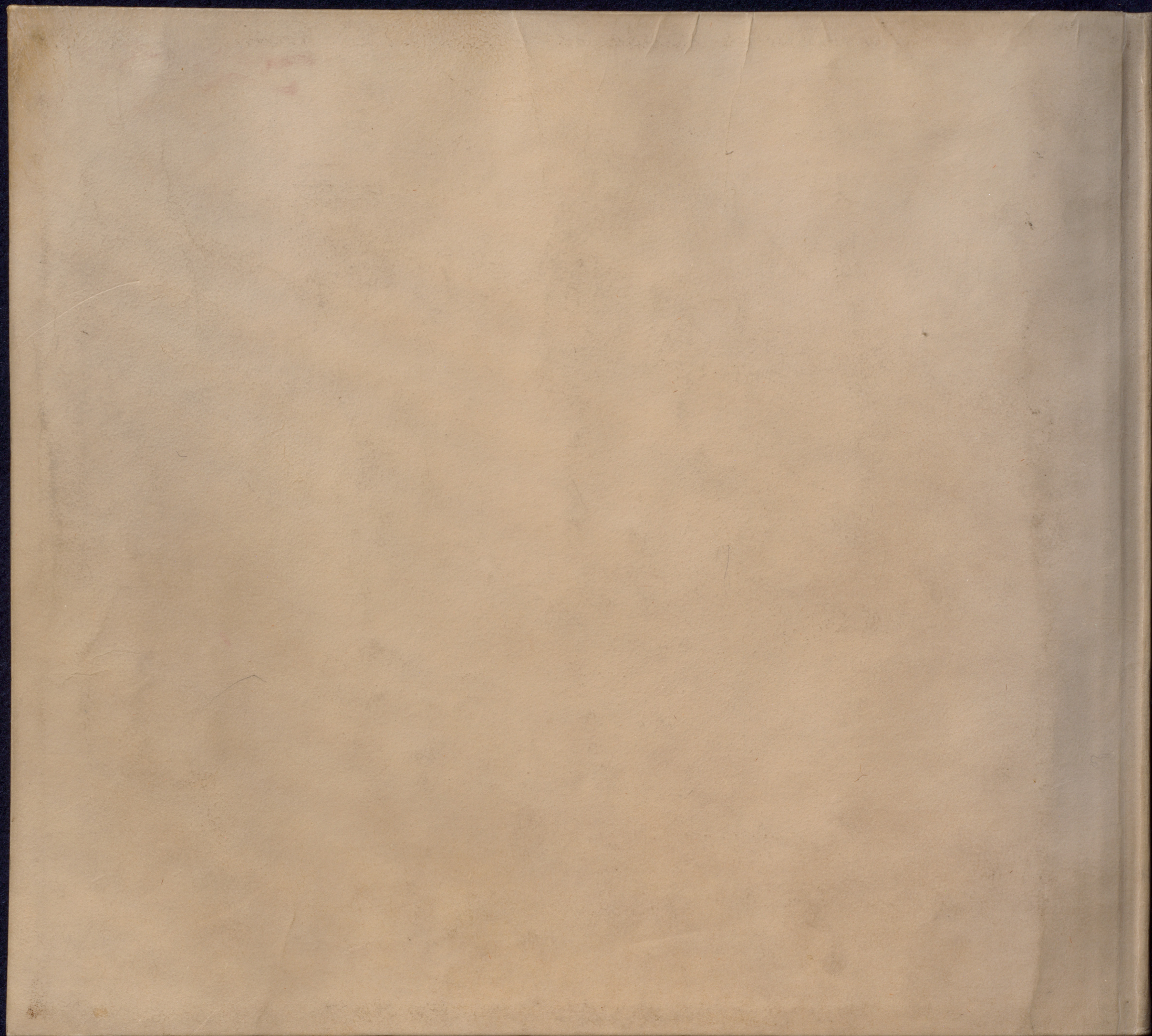








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Indenture of Edward Osler as surgeon's apprentice, for 5 years from 22 March 1811, to James Dunn Trevosso of Falmouth. Edward Osler (1798-1863) was William Osler's uncle.

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